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6 **IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
7 **FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA**

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9 William Lee Bell,

10 Plaintiff,

11 v.

12 County of Maricopa, et al.,

13 Defendants.

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15 No. CV 19-04809-PHX-MTL (JFM)

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17 **ORDER**

18 Pending before the Court is Plaintiff's May 26, 2020 Motion for Reconsideration  
19 (Doc. 19). The Motion will be denied.

20 **I. Background**

21 On July 24, 2019, Plaintiff William Lee Bell, who is confined in the Arizona State  
22 Prison Complex-Yuma, filed a pro se civil rights Complaint pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983  
23 and an Application to Proceed In Forma Pauperis. In an August 20, 2019 Order, the Court  
denied the deficient Application to Proceed and gave Plaintiff 30 days to either pay the  
\$400.00 filing and administrative fees or file a complete Application to Proceed In Forma  
Pauperis.

24 On September 20, 2019, Plaintiff paid the \$400.00 filing and administrative fees.  
25 In a December 23, 2019 Order, the Court dismissed the Complaint because Plaintiff had  
26 failed to state a claim. The Court gave Plaintiff 30 days to file an amended complaint that  
cured the deficiencies identified in the Order.

27 After requesting and receiving a 60-day extension of time, Plaintiff filed his First

1 Amended Complaint on February 26, 2020. In an April 2, 2020 Order, the Court dismissed  
2 the First Amended Complaint because Plaintiff had failed to state a claim. The Court gave  
3 Plaintiff 30 days to file a second amended complaint that cured the deficiencies identified  
4 in the Order.

5 On April 16, 2020, Plaintiff filed a Motion for Extension of Time and a Motion to  
6 Appoint Counsel. In an April 23, 2020 Order, the Court denied the Motion to Appoint  
7 Counsel and granted the Motion for Extension of Time to the extent it gave Plaintiff 45  
8 days to file his second amended complaint. On May 22, 2020, Plaintiff filed a Motion to  
9 Stay, which the Court construed as a motion for extension of time and granted Plaintiff 60  
10 days to file a second amended complaint in compliance with the Court's April 2, 2020  
11 Order.

12 **II. Motion for Reconsideration**

13 In his Motion, Plaintiff asks the Court to reconsider his April 16, 2020 Motion to  
14 Appoint Counsel and April 23, 2020 Notice of Errata and to appoint an attorney to assist  
15 him in filing a second amended complaint. Motions for reconsideration should be granted  
16 only in rare circumstances. *Defenders of Wildlife v. Browner*, 909 F. Supp. 1342, 1351 (D.  
17 Ariz. 1995). A motion for reconsideration is appropriate where the district court “(1) is  
18 presented with newly discovered evidence, (2) committed clear error or the initial decision  
19 was manifestly unjust, or (3) if there is an intervening change in controlling law.” *Sch.*  
20 *Dist. No. 1J, Multnomah County v. ACandS, Inc.*, 5 F.3d 1255, 1263 (9th Cir. 1993). Such  
21 motions should not be used for the purpose of asking a court “to rethink what the court  
22 had already thought through – rightly or wrongly.” *Defenders of Wildlife*, 909 F. Supp. at  
23 1351 (quoting *Above the Belt, Inc. v. Mel Bohannan Roofing, Inc.*, 99 F.R.D. 99, 101 (E.D.  
24 Va. 1983)). A motion for reconsideration “may not be used to raise arguments or present  
25 evidence for the first time when they could reasonably have been raised earlier in the  
26 litigation.” *Kona Enters., Inc. v. Estate of Bishop*, 229 F.3d 877, 890 (9th Cir. 2000). Nor  
27 may a motion for reconsideration repeat any argument previously made in support of or in  
opposition to a motion. *Motorola, Inc. v. J.B. Rodgers Mech. Contractors, Inc.*, 215 F.R.D.

1 581, 586 (D. Ariz. 2003). Mere disagreement with a previous order is an insufficient basis  
2 for reconsideration. *See Leong v. Hilton Hotels Corp.*, 689 F. Supp. 1572, 1573 (D. Haw.  
3 1988).

4 The Court has reviewed Plaintiff's Motion to Appoint Counsel, Plaintiff's Notice of  
5 Errata, the April 23 and May 17, 2020 Orders, and Plaintiff's Motion for Reconsideration.  
6 The Court finds no basis to reconsider its decision and will deny Plaintiff's Motion for  
7 Reconsideration.

8 **III. Warnings**

9 **A. Address Changes**

10 Plaintiff must file and serve a notice of a change of address in accordance with Rule  
11 83.3(d) of the Local Rules of Civil Procedure. Plaintiff must not include a motion for other  
12 relief with a notice of change of address. Failure to comply may result in dismissal of this  
13 action.

14 **B. Possible "Strike"**

15 Because the First Amended Complaint was dismissed for failure to state a claim, if  
16 Plaintiff fails to file a second amended complaint correcting the deficiencies identified in  
17 the April 2, 2020 Order, the dismissal may count as a "strike" under the "3-strikes"  
18 provision of 28 U.S.C. § 1915(g). Under the 3-strikes provision, a prisoner may not bring  
19 a civil action or appeal a civil judgment in forma pauperis under 28 U.S.C. § 1915 "if the  
20 prisoner has, on 3 or more prior occasions, while incarcerated or detained in any facility,  
21 brought an action or appeal in a court of the United States that was dismissed on the  
22 grounds that it is frivolous, malicious, or fails to state a claim upon which relief may be  
23 granted, unless the prisoner is under imminent danger of serious physical injury." 28  
24 U.S.C. § 1915(g).

25 **C. Possible Dismissal**

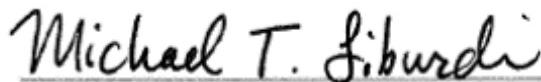
26 If Plaintiff fails to timely comply with every provision of the April 2, 2020 Order,  
27 May 27, 2020 Order, and this Order, including these warnings, the Court may dismiss this  
28 action without further notice. *See Ferdik v. Bonzelet*, 963 F.2d 1258, 1260-61 (9th Cir.

1 1992) (a district court may dismiss an action for failure to comply with any order of the  
2 Court).

3 **IT IS ORDERED:**

- 4 (1) Plaintiff's Motion for Reconsideration (Doc. 19) is **denied**.  
5 (2) All previous filing deadlines remain in place.

6 Dated this 12th day of June, 2020.  
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10 Michael T. Liburdi  
11 United States District Judge  
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